

an upper plate attached to the upper jaw;
a lower plate attached to the lower jaw; and
an anvil fixedly attached to the lower jaw.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the anvil is oriented at about a 90 degree angle to the lower plate.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the upper plate is fixedly attached to the upper jaw.

28. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the upper plate is pivotally attached to the upper jaw.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the lower plate is fixedly attached to the lower jaw.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein the lower plate is pivotally attached to the lower jaw.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising:

an elongated rod, fixedly attached to the anvil, having a sliding hammer and a striking surface.

32. (New) A method for removing a shingle, comprising:

gripping a shingle between an upper jaw and a lower jaw of a locking pliers, the upper jaw having an upper plate and the lower jaw having a lower plate; and

striking an anvil fixedly attached to the lower jaw, in a direction substantially parallel to the surface of the shingle, to remove the shingle from the substrate.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein:

the shingle is attached to the substrate with at least one nail; and

the nail shears off when the shingle is removed from the substrate.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein

the shingle is attached to the substrate with at least one nail; and
the shingle rips off the nail when the shingle is removed from the substrate.

35. (New) A system for removing a shingle, comprising:

a shingle; and

a locking pliers, to grip the shingle, including:

an upper plate attached to an upper jaw, and

a lower plate attached to a lower jaw; and

an anvil, fixedly attached to the lower jaw, to receive an impact from a hammer.

36. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the anvil is oriented at about a 90 degree angle to the lower plate.

37. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the upper plate is fixedly attached to the upper jaw.

38. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the upper plate is pivotally attached to the upper jaw.

39. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the lower plate is fixedly attached to the lower jaw.

40. (New) The system of claim 35, wherein the lower plate is pivotally attached to the lower jaw.

41. (New) The system of claim 35, further comprising:

an elongated rod, fixedly attached to the anvil, having a sliding hammer and a striking surface.

42. (New) A hand tool, comprising:

a locking pliers, including:

an upper plate attached to an upper jaw, and

a lower plate attached to a lower jaw; and